sota, and ex-Senator Frelinghuysen, of New to pay the expenses of the Blaine Investigating Committee, no action will be taken

Capt. Wetmore, formerly of the Navy, has commenced suit in the Washington courts against Admiral Porter, for the alienation of the affections of complainant's wife. A number of affectionate letters from the Admiral to the lady have been made public and the suit promises to develop a scandal of the

Admiral Hoff, U. S. N., died in Washington on the 25th, aged 69. E. L. Pierce, of Boston, has been appointed

### Assistant Treasurer of the United States. WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

"Buck" Jenkins, an alleged horse-thief, was taken from the custody of an officer, about 10 miles west of Corning, Ark., on the night of the 23d, by a gang of masked men, and hanged to a tree. Jenkins formerly lived in Jefferson County, Ill., where he was arrested by the local officers, a reward of \$50 having been offered for his apprehen-

At Kansas City, on the morning of the 23d, the offices of the Evening Mail, the Commercial Indicator, and Rhoades & Gough's book-bindery, were completely destroyed by fire, supposed to have been caused by an incendiary. Losses generally covered by in-

A party of six highwaymen and robbers were recently captured near Rock Creek. Wy. T., with a number of stolen horses and other valuable plunder in their possess At Menardville, Texas, on the 20th, Green Johnson, colored, was hanged for the mur-

David O. Gibson, his two sons, Wm. P. and Thos. W. Gibson, and Samuel P. Moore, all of Rockeastle County, Ky., are under arrest charged with having drawn from the vernment on fraudulent vouchers over \$10,000 while acting as United States Pension

The Arkansas Conference Seminary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, located at Harrison, Ark., was entirely destroyed by fire on the morning of the 20th. The building was just approaching completion, and it was expected the school would take possession about New Year's. Loss, \$7,000; no in-

surance. Incendiarism is suspected. A Convention of Sugar-Cane Growers of the Northwest will be held in St. Louis, be-

The sub-committee of the Congressional Yellow Fever Commission, detailed to meet at Memphis, commenced its investigations on the 26th. Surgeon-General Woodworth and a number of medical and scientific

meet at Springfield on the 26th.

Albany, Ind., on account of an unfortunate scandal in which be figured in connection Memphis, Tenn., with the intention of rethe practice of medicine, which he claims to have abandoned adoption, at an early date, of the pound upon entering the ministry. Finding that avoirdupois as the unit of weight for grain the evil reports concerning him, greatly exaggerated, as he claims, had followed him to his new home, thereby rendering hopeless his chances of success in his new average. tion, on the night of the 27th he attempted The Better Side of Human Nature to end his life by taking a dose of strychnine, which however did not prove fatal.

lish a quarantine against vessels from Hong Kong and other ports infected by cholera. The disease is said to prevail in several and the San Francisco papers believe that it is as dangerous to that city as the yellow fever is to New Orleans.

Charles L. Otto, a Peoria (Ill.) jeweler,

has confessed that he committed a recent "burglary" upon his own store and concealed the money and goods alleged to have been stolen in a lumber-yard and in the dome of the Court-house, where they were found and attached by his creditors.

A negro named Davidson, charged with murder, was hanged by a mob near mington, N. C., on the 23d. At Boston, on Christmas Eve. Ezra Wil

son killed his wife, from whom he had been separated, and then killed himself. Hon. Owen Jones, Representative in the Thirty-fifth Congress from the Fifth Penn-

sylvania District, was frozen to death by the roadside, while on his way to visit a neighbor, on Christmas night.

By the explosion of a nitro-glycerine fac-

tory 5 miles from Paterson, N. J., on the 28th, three men were blown to atoms and several buildings were completely demol-

Memorial services in honor of the late William Cullen Bryant were held in the Academy of Music, New York City, on the evening of the 30th. A very large number of distinguished guests were present, among them being President Hayes, Secretary Evarts, Gen. Sherman, ex-Governor Tilden, and many others. George W. Curtis delivered the address.

Mr. Wm. H. Vanderbilt has chartered fleet of 18 iron steamers, of the English "Unicorn" Line, to run in connection with the New York Central Railroad from New York to various European ports, for freight

carriage exclusively.

The pocket-book containing \$50,000 money and securities lost in the street by a messenger of the Importers' and Traders' Bank of New York, has been returned through the mail, minus about \$8,000, the

FOREIGN. out Great Britain and from the Continent, as well as in this country. The heavies snowfall known for 20 years occurred in the North of Scotland, the snow in some locali-ities, it is said, being 12 feet deep. Railroad traffic was brought to a stand-still. In Switzerland and portions of Germany there has ter of she gospel had finished his eulo-not been so great a fail of snow in years.

The suffering among the power classes, go of the deceased, she went up to the zerland and portions of Germany there has The suffering among the poorer classes i

from the Russian frontier to the neighborhood of Berlin, the strongest measures have

The Great Council of Geneva, Switzerland, has accepted the principle of separation of Church and State, and appointed a committee to prepare a separation bill.

The wife, son and daughter of John O'-Brien, who lived near Dublin, Ont., were burned to death in their house on Christmas night. O'Brien and other members of were nearly frozen while going to the nearest neighbor's for shelter, and it was thought

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lay having occurred in Rio Janeiro alone. The stories of suffering and distress from Personal and Literary.

A Mexican railway train was recently capured by robbers near Pueblo. They killed he baggage-master, wounded the conductor, and carried off \$27,000 in silver, which it is presumed they knew was on the

A London dispatch of the 28th ult. says: number of very alarming and sensational reports have been received here during the last few days, respecting the industrial and financial condition of England. The wages of miners and operatives in all

trades bave been reduced to what the men consider the lowest living point, but the masters say they can not go on without a still further reduction, and scarcely see their way to going on even with a reduction. Great uneasiness exists also among the tenant farmers, who are finding it almost impossible to pay their rents, and to keep out of debt. The stoppage of the export trade to America and the great influx of American produce into England increases the difficulies of the situation. The people in England thrown out of work are less able to buy food, and the farmers find themselves

confronted in their own markets with cheap-

r American meat and grain. The future i

looked upon as gloomy in the extreme. Private and commercial dispatches from Calcutta assert that the British successes in Afghanistan are not altogether so decisive is is represented in Government dispatches -in other words, it is more than hinted that the true state of affairs is studiously concealed from the British public and that much of what is given out for news is little less than a flagrant misrepresentation of facts. For instance, the reported flight of the Ameer and the surrender of his son, Yakoob Khan, that the Ameer has carried on a systematic process of deception, and has caused false reports concerning his movements to be sent to headquarters. This, in connection with the news that the troops in Khyber Pass have been attacked by a large force of Afreedees, who were only repulsed after

bension in England that the war may not be so speedily terminated as was recently an-A riot recently occurred at Kieff, Russia, caused by the students holding a public meeting to protest against the closing of the University. Two companies of local militia were ordered to disperse the meeting; the students held their ground, and a serious fight occurred, in which 80 persons are said to have been killed or wounded. A cavalry company finally cleared the square and rerestored order. Similar riots, on a smaller scale, occurred in other University towns. Many students have been arrested, and the Government threatens to declare martial

hard fighting, naturally causes some appre-

Episcopacy. The venerable prelate is prob-The rebellious Chief Moses and 10 of his ably the oldest Archbishop in the United principal men have been arrested and lodged States, being 79 years of age. He has been Bishop for 45 years, and an Archbishop for 23 years. A desire to be relieved from the

> The New York Produce Exchange has addressed a circular to the various Boards of Trade throughout the country, favoring the

A week ago a young man in this city smashed one of the street lamps. was arrested for disorderly conduct, and when brought before the police court he offered a unique explanation of court he offered a unique explanation of his conduct. He did not plead previous good character in extenuation of his of-fense, and to mitigate the punishment to which he had exposed himself. On the contrary, he informed the magis-istrate that his previous character had been any thing but good. He had been been any thing but good. He had been guilty of many previous offenses of a deeper dye. He had even served a term of imprisonment in the State prison. All this he related with the utmost frankness. He did not seem in the least disposed to keep any thing back of all his dark and guilt-stained past. He only added that he had prom-ised his mother, while he was in prison and she was on her death-bed, that he would not steal again; and that aithough tempted by actual starvation to break his promise, he had stuck to it through the sixty long hours he had ex-perienced the pangs of hunger, and fin-ally committed his trivial offense mere-

ly as a step to secure food without steal This story, confirmed by extrinsic evidence, was published. At once presents of money and offers of assistance began to pour in on the young man. A housand hearts warmed in sympathy

What does this teach? It teaches that even criminals will be

Of course there is and there should be a reluctance to receive into families or work-shops persons of whom nothing s known but that they are convicts out when one of this unhappy class suc ceeds in making it apparent that he really desires to lead a blameless life in the future, the hand of assistance will

### be quickly extended to him.-N.Y.Sun. Jealous of a Corpse.

A scene of a very disagreeable nature is said to have occurred at a funeral in Pittsburg, says the Leader of that city. It seems that a young married lady who ceived the attentions of a gentleman who afterward married another lady At the funeral of the former lady, the wife of the gentleman, who is practising his profession in Pittsburg, repaired to the house where the last sad rites were offin and began to address the assembled friends and relatives in an excited manner. From what could be gathered from her excited utterances it would seem she was jealous of the deceased, and she announced that should her hus band approach the coffin, even so much out his eyes. The woman became viofear that another scene should occur, clude, the new member is obliged to a gentleman was dispatched to the

# ITEMS OF INTEREST.

-Dr. W. S. Mayo, who wrote "Nev er Again," has not written any thing

-Brick Pomerov has leased The La Crosse Chronicle office, and will hereafter conduct that paper.

-R. H. Dana, Jr., is quietly settled in

-Victor Hugo is in Paris with his two grandchildren, George and Jane. His ocation at the Avenue d'Elyau is the J., has received an order for seven imrendezvous of literati and men of the

-The wife of Prince Lynar, of Darmstadt, Germany, who is spoken of as the probable successor of Baron Schloessen as German Minister at Washington, was

Miss May Parsons, of Columbus, O.

-The late G. H. Lewes's funeral was of the simplest character, only old and intimate friends being present. Among them were Robert Browning, Frederick Locker, Anthony Trollope and Herbert - Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet"

and "Othello," and Milton's "Paradise needed," says the Star, "to convince Lost" have been translated into Hebrew by a Mr. Salkinson; and "Othello" and the "Merchant of Venice" are going in-to Portuguese under the hands of his Majesty, Dom Luiz. The last volume of the complete Magyar or Hungarian edition of the great English poet's works has just been published at Pesth.

-The late Bishop Janes 10 years ago sent a Japanese student to the Methodist school at Wilbraham, Mass., with a note of introduction in which he said:
"If no one undertakes to pay his bills,
I will be responsible." The young to the British forces at Jellalabad, are now man subsequently returned to Japan, contradicted, and in explanation it is said and is now the Minister from that country to the United States, and attends the Foundry Church in Washington.

-The title of the oldest printer in Maine belongs to Mr. Andrew Masters of Hallowell, now in his eighty-sixth year. Mr. Masters in May, 1807, began a seven years' apprenticeship in an of-fice in Exeter, N. H., afterward worked at Boston ten months, and then removed self in business in 1815. He may now be found at any time engaged in work about his office. His active experience in printing and book publishing covers the remarkable period of seventy-one years and seven months.

-M. Offenbach is said to co well only in the spring time and by the seaside, elsewhere and at other seasons the works which he composes are, "ac cording to his own testimony, worth little." Wagner is the most original of all in his methods of work—he can only all in his methods of work—he can only all in his methods of work—he can only 27 and 72-100 per cent.; Sample 4 lost cuse me attending at orderly room for compose with the assistance of suits of 37 and 45-100 per cent.; Sample 5 lost ten or nine more days, and in duty satin clothes, of divers colors, which he saturated by authority, has written to Rome

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and 45-100 per cent.; Sample 5 lost and 45-100 per cent. They, however, justified the comment of too thin.

The stuffing had a base of clay, with starch and cheap gum to make it adherity. The Commanding Officer. toral duet, primrose satin, and for a martial chorus, scarlet satin.

-The Rev. Dr. McLeod of Philadelphia is preaching against the wearing of mourning, which he says is product-ive of needless melancholy.

-The Indiana Supreme Court has decided, in the suit of a church against a member, that subscriptions made on Sunday can not be collected by law. -By a new law, all children who fin-

Canton of Berne undergo an examinaand the result is reported as "unsatis-

-In a recent charge, Bishop Baring of Durham, England, warns his clergy against becoming Justices of the Peace. Formerly hundreds of parsons were magistrates, but now they are rarely appointed.

—The average income of Irish school teachers is \$330, but 36 of the total number - 10.489 - have \$680; 362, \$460; 1,513, \$395, and the rest, \$275. are men. Female teachers have from

-The Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago has secured the services of some of the leading physicians lectures to young men on practical sub-

—A new synagogue, said to be one of the finest of its kind in Europe, and Monana County, Iowa, was killed Christmas Eve by the running away of ground, has been opened in Warsaw. Instead of the Jews flocking to Palestine, they are said to be gathering in large

mbers in the Russian cities. -William Winkley, of Philadelphia has given \$10,000 to Dartmouth College to found a professorship of Anglo-Saxon short time since Mr. Winkley sent a check for \$25,000 to the college to be

used as the college authorities saw fit. -Dr. James B. Gould, of Rome, Italy. a native of Sharon, Conn., has had erected for a church society in that town a beautiful chapel as a memoria asssisted in any attempt at reform as of his wife, Mrs. Emma Bliss Gould, the soon as people believe they are in earn-

Rome for poor Italian children.

-Compulsory education is just nov receiving a good deal of attention in Pennsylvania, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction has pre pared the draft of a bill intended to deal with the question of educating the large class of destitute and neglected children who are growing up in ignorance and training for future crime. The principal features of the bill are to provide re-ports as to the number of children receiving no education; for the enforcement of existing laws in relation to the employment of children, and for the provision in each county of homes for friendless children, to which habitual truants, young vagrants, and children fatally in spite of the best medical skill. truants, young vagrants, and children who are receiving no education may be committed by proper officers of the law.

-There is scarcely any hazing at Harvard this year, so far as an outsider can observe; but a student writes to the Springfield Republican that plenty of it done by certain secret societies. "The initiations are devilish," he says; each member is branded on the arm so as to be identified, and cases have occurred where arms have been seriously burned by the brander being in a beast state of intoxication. Each member obliged to take a plunge into the Charles River by night, and if he deas to look at the corpse, she would tear clines on account of his health, he is dealt with all the more severely in somlent in her demonstrations, and consid-erable confusion resulted among the question, and a case occurred not long astonished persons present. She was since where a man was felled to the floor finally ejected from the room, and for for refusing to obey orders. To con-

was, and requested him house. The unpleasant incident has occasioned a great deat of gossip since him, but whose real object is to intoxicate him. During all these initiations

who commit the atrocities can never be nity of Knight Grand Cross of the same

## Science and Industry.

-The Brazilian Government has granted a privilege to a gentleman for the manufacture of paper from the wild

in Pittsburg heats its furnaces with ben-Paris and is writing a lengthy treatise zine. Thirty-three per cent. of the ed orders to quit the city. One was Mr. saved by it.

> mense electric lanterns from the Russian Government. The lanterns are to given public notice that they intend to be placed at the bows of the seven largest Russian men-of-war. -A number of horse cars were lately shipped from New York for Calais,

France, to be used in running from that place to the suburb of St. Pierre, over a road constructed with English capital. European cities. -Cotton is worth from 74 to 8 cents a pound in the Covington, Ga, market, and corn-meal is worth 80 cents a bush-

our farmers of the necessity of raising more corn and less cotton! -The value of silk ribbons annually exported hither from Switzerland has fallen from four million to one million dollars since 1873. Paterson silk-mills are running on full time and employ eight thousand to ten thousand hands,

"Is there any other argument

and the greatest demand is for ribbons -There are more than 1,300 women in the departments at Washington, the majority employed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and in the Gov-ernment Printing-office. A number of them are widows and daughters of army and navy officers, who lost their lives in

-A new industry is springing up in Iowa, in the shape of muskrat farming. A man with a good pond or marsh can seed it down to rats and make it vield him steadily, after two years' breeding, about \$50 per acre. The trapping is a winter industry when there is plenty of leisure, and is a source of amusement to the young members of the family. The market for rat-skins is steady and reli-

-We have been shown five samples of English cheap Manchester prints official to his commanding officer: made for the Asiatic and African markets. These samples in question were sent from Canton. A piece from each sample has been weighed, and then washed and cleaned. Sample No. 1 lost 40 and 97-100 per cent.; Sample 2 lost for work, with also the disgorging of my 34 and 72-100 per cent.; Sample 3 lost starch and cheap gum to I

sive. - Boston Advertiser. -The latest exploit of the San Fran cisco reporter is the alleged exposure of a process for manufacturing hens' eggs from deleterious materials. According to the narrative the albumen is imitated by a mixture of sulphur, carbon, and fatty matter obtained from the slaughter houses and rendered sticky with mucilage. The yelk is made of blood, phosphate of lime, magnesia, muriate of ammonia, oleic and margaric acids, and colored with chrome yellow. The shells ish their education in any school of the Canton of Berne undergo an examination. This year 9,000 were examined of lime, and oxide of iron. After the shells are blown the albumen is forced sticks to the sides; then the yelk is added, and after being covered with more of the albumen mixture the hole is sealed with cement, the complete egg is rubbed pretty smooth and laid aside for

packing. It is asserted that many bar-rels of these eggs have been shipped —A boy, 8 years old, son of C. O. Forter, of Litchfield, Minn., while at a neighbor's, shot himself with a revolver

on the mantel-piece. -Philip Corydon, a watchman in an of that city for a course of free medical Indianapolis pork-house, fell from the topmost floor to the basement, breaking his neck and dying instantly.

-A kerosene-lamp was knocked off the table at a Christmas party at the house of James Whalen, in Delavan, Ill., and the clothing of a 13-year-old daughter of John Holderman was set on fire, and she was burned to death.

-The 1-year-old babe of P. B. Curtiss of Black Hawk County, Iowa, was shot and killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of its brother. -A young girl named Doster, living Washington Court-house,

died from the effects of a coal-oil explo -A 7-year-old girl near Paris, Ky., was burned to death by her clothes taking fire while she was playing with

-At Midway, Ky., two colored children were burned to death by the house taking fire during their mother's ab-

amed Julia Mills, while playing, fell into a kettle of boiling water and was scalded to death.

-A 5-years-old son of K. Nibblelink of Holland, Mich., died from the effects of having been frightened on the morn-ing of the 6th of December, the Santa -Near Reading, Penn., Mrs. Emeline Wagner was roasted alive, her clothes having ignited from the fire while she

-Douglas Hopper, aged 12, and Elmer Eaton, 17, of Lakeport, Madison County, N. Y., were found dead in a ditch in snow and mud, from drunkenness and exposure, on account of drink-

## -The Khedive and family, including his secretaries, receive now only \$1,-

500,000 a year. -London papers say American ci-

drink an exceedingly strong bumper of dam, 24 miles, in an hour and twenty meaning of hoes and rows or knows pavement outside, where her husband liquor, and as soon as this is done, he is minutes, carrying a weight was, and requested him not to enter the pressed upon from all sides to drink pounds.

bject is to intoxi-l these initiations stead be promoted from his Knight wright, right, write, and rite?—Har ted, so that those Commandership of the Bath to the dig-

The King of Bavaria is erecting at Herren-Chiemsee a royal chateau, on the plan of that of Versailles. The building is to be spread over fifteen vears, and the estimated cost is \$9,000,-

-A lamp-chimney manufacturing firm -Just before the Emperor returned to Berlin, forty leading Socialists receivformer cost of chimneys is said to be Fritzche, M. P. for Berlin, who is acounted, says the Berlin correspondent of the Independence Belge, one of the most moderate of his party.

-The corporation of Liverpool have apply, in the ensuing session of Parliament, for an act authorizing the lighting of the public streets, places, and buildings within the borough by means of the electric light, " or otherwise than by mean; of gas."

-Sales are recorded in Paris by Madame Marie Eugenie de Guzman, Comtesse de Teba, widow of Charles Louis Napoleon III., and by her son, living at Chiselhurst, England, to the Baron de Ilirsch de Gereuth of a grand hotel, 26 Avenue Gabriel and 2 Rue de l'Elysee, of the hotel 4 Rue de l'Elysee, and of the hotel 6 Rue de l'Elysee, for \$472,300. The buyer was a Paris bank-

—Some Spanish newspapers have announced the marriage of King Alfonso with the Princess Christine de Montpensier, eldest sister of the late Queen Mercedes. Other journals have denied the report. The Epoca, however, seems to confirm it in announcing that the King will remain sometime faithful to the memory of Queen Mercedes before ful-filling the duties which are imposed upon him by the exigencies of the mon-

-The southeastern portion of the district of Wynaad, in Malabar, India, has been found very rich in gold. Experts state that upon a superficies of twentyfive miles long and thirteen wide they have found ninety localities of ore from two to four feet thick on the surface, which would yield 200 ounces of gold per ton. The land is 3,000 feet above the level of the sea, and healthy for nine months of the year.

-The study of the English language has become a passion among the intelligent natives in India. Their mastery of it is wonderful. Here is a specimen. It is a letter written by a native military official to ble commendation of the control of the contro from my family for some years, and as I have complaints of the abdomen coupled with great conflagrations of the your family .- The Commanding Of- low-slips?"

Odds and Ends -Can a man that very often attends parties be called a party man?

-A wise man's thoughts walk within him, but a fool's heart without. -The wise and prudent conquer difficulties by daring to attempt them. -Nothing can constitute good breed-

ing that has not good nature for its -A true knight is fuller of gay brayery in the midst than in the beginning of danger.

-The man who can't catch cold now and then, and who never has pains or aches, was intended originally for a rhinoceros. - Free Press. -Persons who write anonymous letters for publication should send their

fool names to the publishers. -N. 0. Picayune. -A critic at a musical concert re marked to his neighbor that the music was rather "fishy." "Yes," replied the latter, "too many scales."

-If you would live tranquil and contented, endeavor that all who live with you may be good. And you can have them good by instructing the willing and dismissing the unwilling .- Epiete-

advances made by science over romance, writes that electricity may be conquering, but that moonlight itself is superior to gas. Ha, yes; but then, my bo you can't metre by moon-light alone.

N. Y. Herald.

—The politest man of the times lives in New Orleans. He went into a tobacconist's store, bought two cigars, and said courteously to the proprietor:
"If you do not object to the smell of tobacco, I will smoke one of these cigars

-" Mother, what is an angel?" "An angel? Well, an angel is a child that "But, mother, why does papa always call my governess an angel?"
"Well," explained the mother, after a moment's pause, "she is going to fly

-A Bridgeport man stopped his pabecause it didn't contain a sure cure for dyspepsia, as usual. The infallible remedy for consumption was there all right, but by some accident the dyspep-sia cure was left out. He was awfully indignant, and said he was 75 years old. and had never known a paper to fail

-41 tumble," as the boy said when he let go of a sleigh. "That was a crack-ing time," remarked another as he was whipped off. "A hind hold is a safe hold" is the motto of every 12-yearold. "I bob for a ride when I go for a bob," explained a young philosopher as he pulled down his cap. "I allus like to spread myself," observed the youth as he put a foot on either runner. "Soon's the ice gits a foot thicker then I'll have a foot less further to fall," he mused as he got up from the last one. It takes only one word to express it:
"Gimmeahitchmister?" "Them we feet cum from gittin' so much snow in my ear," explained the 6-year-old as he was taken to do. "I see the snow-drift of them remarks," yelled the lad as he was buried out of sight .- Detroit

# A Puzzle for Phonetickers.

A fast man on a fast day took his horse and went to the end of the fast land, and there tied him fast, and as fast as he could he broke his fast. Then he rose and took off his hose, and went gars, made of paper and cabbage leaves, with his hose along the rows, and put the rose on the end of his hose—which, as everyone knows, is a sort of nose. So his hose waters every rose in all the ing to a Lieutenant of the Prassian rows. Now say who knows how a for-Guard, has trotted from Nassau to Pots-eign wight could learn very fast the of 209 and nose, or to perform any rite right, or even to write wright right, if his liv-

ing depended on getting some right which involved the right writing of

"GOING TO SCHOOL." es, and I'll name a dozen who win by arguments which even boys can digest. Name a merchant who buys at random. "Now, children, you have told how many members we have in the as we educate children, and I will name Legislature, who presides over each the day of his failure. Name one who can tell you how to saw out a boot-jack. a United States Senator is elected, and build an ice-box, putty in a pane of glass, mix paint or hang a gate, and I'll show you that he is doing a safe busi-ness, dictated by observation and comin return I will——" I had reached this point the other evening when there came a ring at the door-bell, and after a minute I discov-ered that Mr. Old Fogy had decided on another attack. He meant to give me fits this time. He brought along two or three teachers with him, and they at once walked into my school-room. I did at first have a sign of "State Pris-

on" over the door, so as to make it seem like a regular school-house to the pupils, but as they insisted upon regarding it as a noverty I removed the sign. "'You won't keep even a peanut stand here two months from now!' chuckled "Well, you have been teaching, I see?" observed Mr. Old Fogy.

"Yes, six of these children belong in the lad as he lounged out."

In five weeks there was a failure, and the naighborhood, and don't attend any

regular school." the grocer was \$3,000 cash out of pocket "We don't exactly agree on the school in seven weeks' time. The observing the grocer was \$3,000 cash out of pocket question, you know!" said Mr. Old boy knew that store was too far down fogy. "You did rather stump me the town, because he had watched the other night, but I'd like you to ask some movements of the people who bought at retail. The grocer had been at Yale College, and he didn't deem it necessary of those teachers a few questions." "Very well. Mr. Blank, how many bushels of wheat will make a barrel of to known a lamp-post from a salt barre in order to establish a trade.

"Why, that isn't a regular question," The other day a lady who can speak several languages and who graduated with high honors at Vassar wanted he replied as he looked round. "Isn't it? Your arithmetic says that some mince pies made and put away for New Year's. Neither of her servant sixty pounds of wheat make a bushel, and because it does not say how many bushels make a barrel of flour the farmer who is figuring on his year's supply must be left in ignorance. Here is Charlie, only 9 years old-he may an-"From four and a half to five bushels,"

the boy replied.
"Now, Mr. Blank, can you name the more prominent stars?"
"I can, sir." "I thought so; but can you tell me troit Free Press.

how many spokes there are in the front wheel of a buggy—can any of you?" "I protest!" cried Mr. Old Fogy, but they didn't answer for all that. "Well, Mr. Blank, can you translate Latin ?" " I can, sir."

"No doubt of it; but can you tell me how to preserve cider?"

"But can you tell me the salary of our Governor?" None of them could.
"Try some of the ladies," suggested

"I am.

" No. sir."

Mr. Old Fogy, after a few more ques-"All right. Miss Blank, are you good in algebra? "I think so." "And can you tell me how many

yards of cotton to buy for a pair of pil-"Do you know what will take stains out of a table-cloth, or grease spots out out a hymn as follows:

of a carpet?" "Can you direct a cook to make pie erust or mix biscuit or bread?"

"Do you know the average length of " No. sir." "Can you mix a mustard plaster, tel me a ready family antidote for poison, suggest a family remedy for a cold or a sore throat, tell me how many vards in bunch of dress braid, the number of

yards of ticking to make a bedtick, a

vay to remove paint from windows, or how to make gruel for the sick ?" " No, sir." "What are you driving at?" indig-nantly demanded Mr. Old Fogy. "I'll let my class go and tell you Let me first remark that I haven't asked a question which these children here can't answer. This little girl wil promptly answer every thing I have sked Miss Blank, and vet she is not 10 years old. A month ago I told her that alum and brown sugar mixed together would relieve croup. A week ago, at dead of night, roused from sleep by her parents and the wails of her sick broth er, she prepared the remedy while her father was after the doctor and her mother excited-and helpless, and in half an hour the croup was gone. You ask me what I'm driving at? Women are called helpless, and we do not look to see them have presence of mind! Why are they so? Simply because they may know algebra by heart and yet not know what is an antidote for almost every poison. They learn astronomy and yet don't know what is good for burn, or how to stop the nose-bleed

They know all about botany, and yet can not tell what to do for a person who has fainted away." ested Miss Blank. "No; well, every woman looks forward to marriage. They were born to. Every female expects to marry rich, but not one in five hundred can so marry as to throw the entire responsibility of her house on hired help. Six out of ten may have a servant, but unless the mistress knows how things should go what can be expected of the girl? While the lady sits in the parlor and realizes that she can draw, play the piano and read French, the "help," left to experiments, and having no interest, by like that before.-Bridgeport Standard. smashes and throws away, and the family are soon looking for a cheaper house. Miss Blank here may marry and never have to lift a hand, but if sl knew every duty—if she knew remedies and recipes—wouldn't she have more self-reliance and be better prepared fo

her responsibilities? "Can you name one married lady i Detroit who makes use of algebra? Can you name one who is ever inconvenineed for the want of a knowledge of geometry? Do you know of one who cure for corns." Mr. Old Fogy said he thought it look

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mon sense. Last year a gentleman with a fine collegiate education opened a grocer-store on a certain street in this city, asking no advice as to location, and making no observations on the movements of the public. He had got nicely opened when a boot-black called in one day and bluntly said: "'Gimme a cent's worth of peanuts!'
"'Peanuts! Boy, I don't keep a peanut stand!' was the indignant reply

girls knew how to make them, and so the lady went out among her neighbors. She tried to remember what they told her, but her pies were made without sugar or salt, and with only one crust. When told why "they tasted like bass-wood chips," she burst into tears and

"They educated me to be an idiot in-stead of a woman! "-M. Quad, in De-

### Elocution.

"Shakesperean readings," "mornings with the poets," etc., are the names given at present to certain informal and charming entertainments much appre-ciated by those who have the leisure to devote to such affairs. Nobody can doubt that an accomplished reader may make such opportunities both agreeable and profitable, for the difference between written and spoken eloquence is very great—so great, in fact, that to read with any pretensions to correctness of emphasis, clearness of interpretation, and attractive manner, the reader must have studied long and well. The world has endured much from public speakers as well as from professional readers, and many an instance of wicked hilarity in church has been provoked by the solemn occupant of the pulpit. It is said that the cultivated John Randolph corrected the pronunciation of the good man who ministered unto him in his last hours, but a person less sensitive and eccentric might criticise the clergyman who gave

He takes young children in his arms And in his bosom—bears. So much for a style of recitation which at one period of literary cultivation was called melodious, and which consisted in "slowing up," as they say in railroad parlance, on the last line, and lingering with a kind of painful procrastination upon the final word. In view of the terrible menoling with home to be a superscript. rible manglings which have taken place, and the fine productions which have been actually slaughtered upon that step which divides the sublime from the ridiculous, one might say that "a little reading is a dangerous thing," and those who can not read well would be wise to turn their attention to something

# which they could execute with less pair to an audience.

Astronomical Phenomena for 1879. The following are the principal astronomica phenomena of the year 1879. The time given are for the meridian of Chicago, which

nutes 26 seconds from Greenwich. The first full moon after the vernal equinox will occur Sunday, April 6. By the rule governing the movable feasts of the Papal and Protestant Churches, the Sunday next succeeding that is Easter Sunday, which, therefore, falls upon April 13.

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There will be three eclipses during 1879 two of the sun, and one of the moon; but they are of little interest to dwellers in the region.
Jan. 23, at six o'clock in the morning, the Jan. 22, at \$1\$ O'clock in the morning, take sun will be eclipsed. The phenomenon will be annular along a narrow belt extending from east longitude 8½ deg. and south latitude 27½ deg., to 141½ deg. east of Washington and 7½ deg. north. It will be visible as a partial eclipse to a distance of about 35 deg. on each side of that belt, the area including about two-

twirds of South America and the southern half of Africa.

July 19, at three o'clock in the morning, July 19, at three o'clock in the morning, the rewill be another annular eclipse of the sun, the central line running from longitude 57½ east and latitude 75½ north, to 175½ east and 23½ south. It will be visible as a partial eclipse from a large part of the South Atlantic Ocean, nearly the whole of Africa at d Southern Europe and Asia.

Dec. 28, at 10 o'clock in the morning, the moon will be eclipsed being at the time below

Vulcan—It now is almost certain that within the orbit of Mercury there are two or more planers. A transit of one of these may be expected to occur Sept. 18, but it may be too early in the day to be visible from Chicago.

Mercury—Will attain his greatest elongations from the sun as follows:

West, rising before the sun; Jan. 16 (24 deg.); May 14 (28 deg.); Sept. 9 (18 deg.); Dec. 28 (23)4 deg.)

East, setting after the sun; March 29 (19 deg.); July 27 (27 deg.); Nov. 20 (22 deg.)

His conjunctions with the sun occur March 4, April 17, June 18, Aug. 13, Oct. 5, and Dec. 10. Dec. 10.

The most favorable time for seeing him will be in the early evening of March 29. At that date Venus will be about 9 deg. further east than Mercury, and may serve as a di-

as if we would have a snow-storm.

"Then take the other side. We do not teach our boys to be observing, and then we turn around and call them heedless. We pass the things of every day life to let them grasp at the theoretical. They thus become helpless. They can name the planets, but they can not give the length and width of a brick. They can name every ancient philospher, but they can't put up the stove-pipe; they can figure in cube root, but they can't tell all-wool cloth from half-cotton. We let them go to school for years, are proud to find that they know so much, and then discover that they can't tell why hickory wood will burn longer than pinc, and we hear somebody say of them: 'He has a fine education but no horse-sense.''

Mr. Old Fogy suggested that it was getting late.

"Now, then, some of you tell me of a business man who has made his money through a classical education. Tell me one lawyer who wins by flowery speech-

Mars-Will not attract much attention Mars—Will not attract much attention from naked eye observers in 1879. From his conjunction with the sun last September (20) to his opposition Nov. 12, next, he is a morning star, rising before the sun; and, at the last-named date, his nearest approach, he will be some 46,000,000 miles from the earth. He will, however, be watched by astronomers in November with great interest. His two be some 46,000,000 miles from the earth. He will, however, be watched by astronomers in November with great interest. His two moons, discovered by Asaph Hall in 1877, will probably be visible only through a very few telescopes, including the one at Chicago; and the observations then made will enable astronomers to fix precisely the periods of revolution of the satellites, and thence to correct the present estimate of the planet Marsabout one part in 3,095,398, that of the sun being taken as the unit. In January, Mars will pass through Scorpio, in February and March through Sagittarius and Capricornus, in April and May through Aquaries, in July through Pisees, in August through Aries; and he will be nearly stationary, not far from the Pleiades, in September and October. He will then retrogade into Aries till Dec. 16, and then turn direct. May 9 he will be less than one degree south from Jupiter; and June 30, at 1h. 36m. p. m., only one minute of arc north from Saturn. These two planets will be very nearly in conjunction during the night preceding and that following this date. In the morning of Nov. 19 he will pass only 12 minutes of arc north of No. 53 in Aries; and in the evenings of Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Oct. 33, Nov. 26 and Dec. 23; from which date the casual observer may learn to recognize him among the stars.

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ute of arc south from kno prime in the same constellation. Mars will be near the moon in the evenings of Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Oct. 39, Nov. 26 and Dec. 23; from which date the casual observer may learn to recognize him among the stars.

Jupiter—Will be in conjunction with the sun Feb. 7, and in opposition Aug. 31. Hence he will not be an object of interest to those who only study the evening sky, till the latter part of the year. During the autumn months he will be conspicuous in the constellation Aquaries, about 10 deg. south from the five stars known as the Urn, or the A. This planet is now nearing his conjunction with Saturn, which will occur in the last half of April, 1881; both being in conjunction with the sun, as seen from the earth.

Nov. 20 Jupiter will pass 13 minutes of arc south of Sigma in Aquaries; the apparent distance between the two being only about two diameters of Jupiter.

Saturn—At the beginning of the year will be about 5 hours east from the sun, and below the well-known Square of Pegasus, near which he meets Venus, in the evening of March 2. His conjunction with the sun occurs March 26, and his opposition Oct. 5, when he will be in the constellation Pisces. The last three months of the year he will be visible evenings to the naked eye as a star of the first magnitude, and will be a very interesting object through the telescope. His rings were completely closed up last March. They are now widening out. The ratio of the apparent axes Jan. 1 will be 1 to 23 nearly, and the 1st of August about as 2 to 11. We are now looking at the southern side of the ring system of Saturn, when we see this phenomenon. Astronomers will not again see the northern face of the rings of Saturn till early in the year 1893, when they will have a good opportunity to observe the change, as the planet will then be about 90 degrees away from the sun.

Vernus—Will be in opposition to the sun Feb. 20, and may be seen about that date, and for a couple of months afterward, with the unsided eye, by those who know where to look

He cannot be seen without the aid of a good

will be of interest during the coming year.
We give the following notes of prominent
stars, the appulses to which may be watched
with interest through an opera-glass:
April 10, in the early morning, the moon
being three days past the full, and a little east
of the meridian, will pass just south of Antares.

June 3, about ten o'clock, when east of the June 3, about ten o'clock, when east of the meridian, and near the full, the moon will occult Antares.

Aug. 24, the moon in the west, and near her first quarter, will occult Antares about halfpast nine in the evening.

Sept. 7, at two o'clock in the morning, the moon being near her last quarter, will pass through the Pleiades, and occult Alcyone near the time of her rising.

Nov. 26, about midnight, the moon being near the full, and one hour west of the meridian, will occult Epsilon Arietis.

Dec. 1, at eleven o'clock in the evening, the moon being east of the meridian, and a little past the full, will occult Delta Geminorum.—

Ohicago Tribune.

Scarcity of Women in the Far West.

Among the blessings of fortune unequally distributed may be enumerated women, who, while superabundant in many parts of the East, are so scarce in certain regions of the West that there are not one-quarter enough for connu bial purposes. In Idaho, for example, women are sadly wanted, not one man in thirty, it is said, having a wife. Consequently, the twenty-nine unwilling bachelors are eager for partners, and some of them have written to the East inquiring why feminine exportations are not made into the territory. They could be readed to adventage page. assuredly be made to advantage, practically considered, because many of the Idahoans have comforteble cabins and fertile fields—every thing, indeed, to complete a desirable home except a -decidedly an important lack. The Territorial newspapers frequently mention affrays growing out of the pancity of women, and express the opinion that if there were more of them comparative peace would prevail. As Utah to the south, is so liberally supplied with wives it is not improbable that the Ida-hoans may make a raid over the border and repeat the history of the rape of the Sabines. Men may and can live without women; but they won't for any length of time when women can be had. If the Idahoans be much longer deprived of their marital rights it is fear ed that they will plunder their neigh bors. It does seem hard that a Mor mon should often have ten or twelv wives, and most Idahoans, in the adjoining Territory, be deprived of ever one wife. The interests of humanity demand a new adjustment.—New York

# Happy Thoughts.

Times.

He is a good man indeed who does the good he talks of. It is possible for a man to know own mind and yet know very little.

It is perfectly safe to have some m owe you a grudge, for they never I any thing.
It does not follow that a blacksm

be found at his vise.

It is a good proverb which says t every man hath his cricket in his h and makes it sing as he pleases.

The vain man is, after all, the ne only pleases hims A man seldom finds out that the B

course of life is condemned by it. I that the Bible becomes a book that od .- Albany Argus.

is not true until he discovers that

Rarus' best time, and yet New calls this a slow city.—Philade

# amount of cash in the book.

Very severe weather is reported through-

The fatal rinderpest having made its way